

“Airspace” Surveillance Transformation, Stovepipe to Service Oriented Architecture (SOA)

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Detect the Difference

Problem Statement

- There exists an overwhelming demand for surveillance information by many agencies that operate airspace command and control nodes.
- Today's Approach
 - Replicate the information
 - Route it to each consumer - dedicated point-to-point circuit
- Obvious Problem
 - Aggregate cost of duplicating the surveillance information
 - Increasing operations and maintenance of the service

"How can the Communities Of Interest realize significant cost savings, information sharing, and scalability now, while providing a coherent migration path to the NGATS?"

The Vision

- Transition The Surveillance Assets Observing The Airspace From Closed, Point-to-Point Connectivity To A Service Oriented Architecture (SOA)
 - Provide an open, standards-based surveillance format
 - Provide a flexible and scalable infrastructure
 - Decouple surveillance sources from technology from data processing from automation
 - Eliminate the duplication of services within Communities Of Interest (COI)
 - Rapidly enables technology refresh and new services deployment with reduced impacts and at lower cost
- Significant Research And Investigation Into The SOA Concept Is Ongoing
 - JPDO's Next Generation Air Transportation System (NGATS)
 - FAA's System Wide Information Management (SWIM)
 - DoD's Global Information Grid (GIG)
 - MIT/LL Surveillance Data Network (SDN)
- The following will present a framework for transforming today's CONUS stove-piped "Airspace" Surveillance Assets to a SOA.

Surveillance Transformation Approach

- Decompose The Problem Into Four "Service Layers"

Valued-Added Benefits

Reduced Interfacing Cost
Open Architecture
Inter-Agency Data Sharing
No Impact to Operations
Supports Next Generation Surveillance
Decouples Surveillance Sources
Decouples the SDP From Automation
Reduces Distribution Bandwidth
Reduces End-User Computing Load
Inter-Agency Collaboration
Eliminates Redundancy
Common Air Surveillance Picture

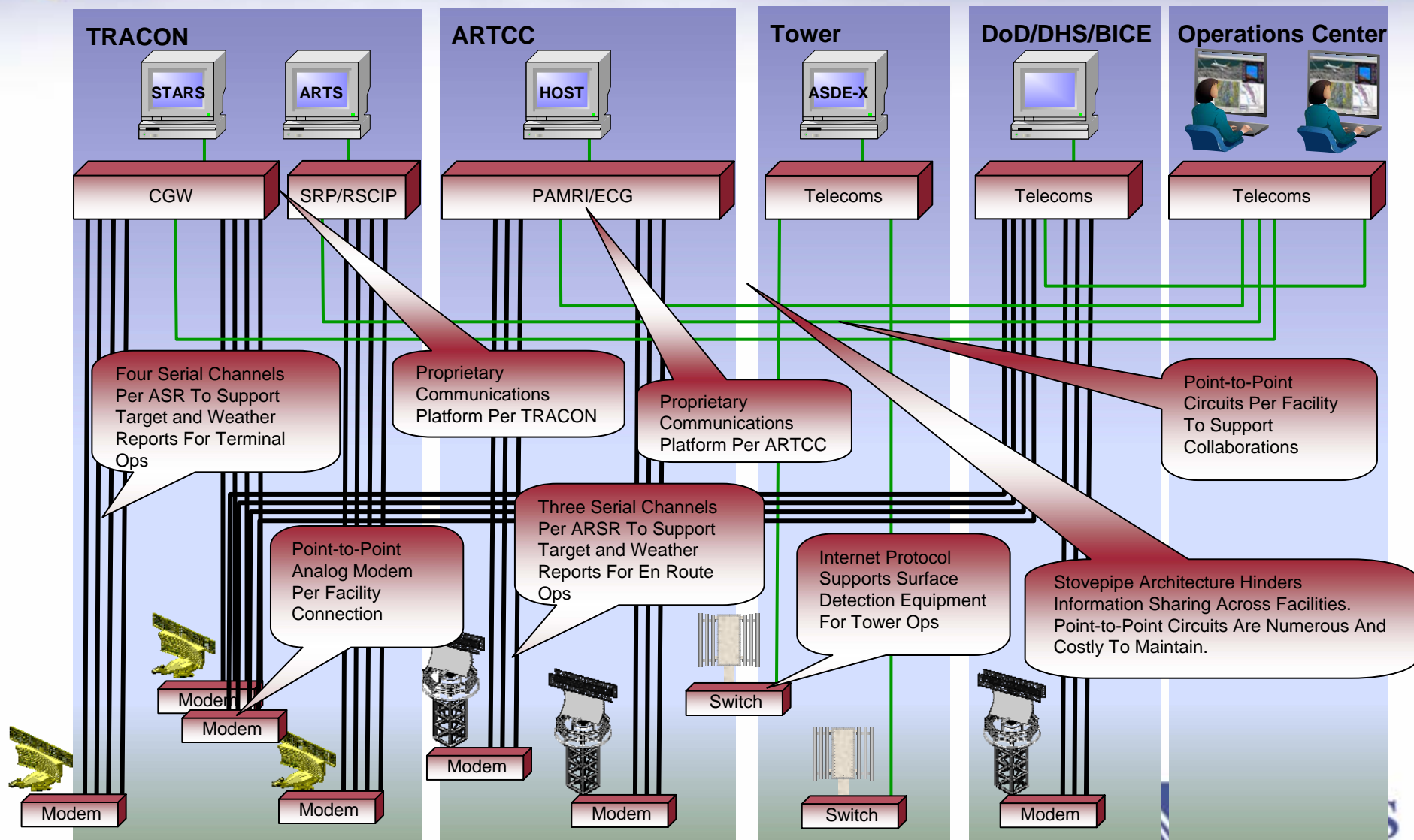
Fourth Service Layer Aggregates Disparate Surveillance Information By Providing A Common Surveillance Object

Third Service Layer Performs Correlation Of The Surveillance Information And Provides First Level Identification

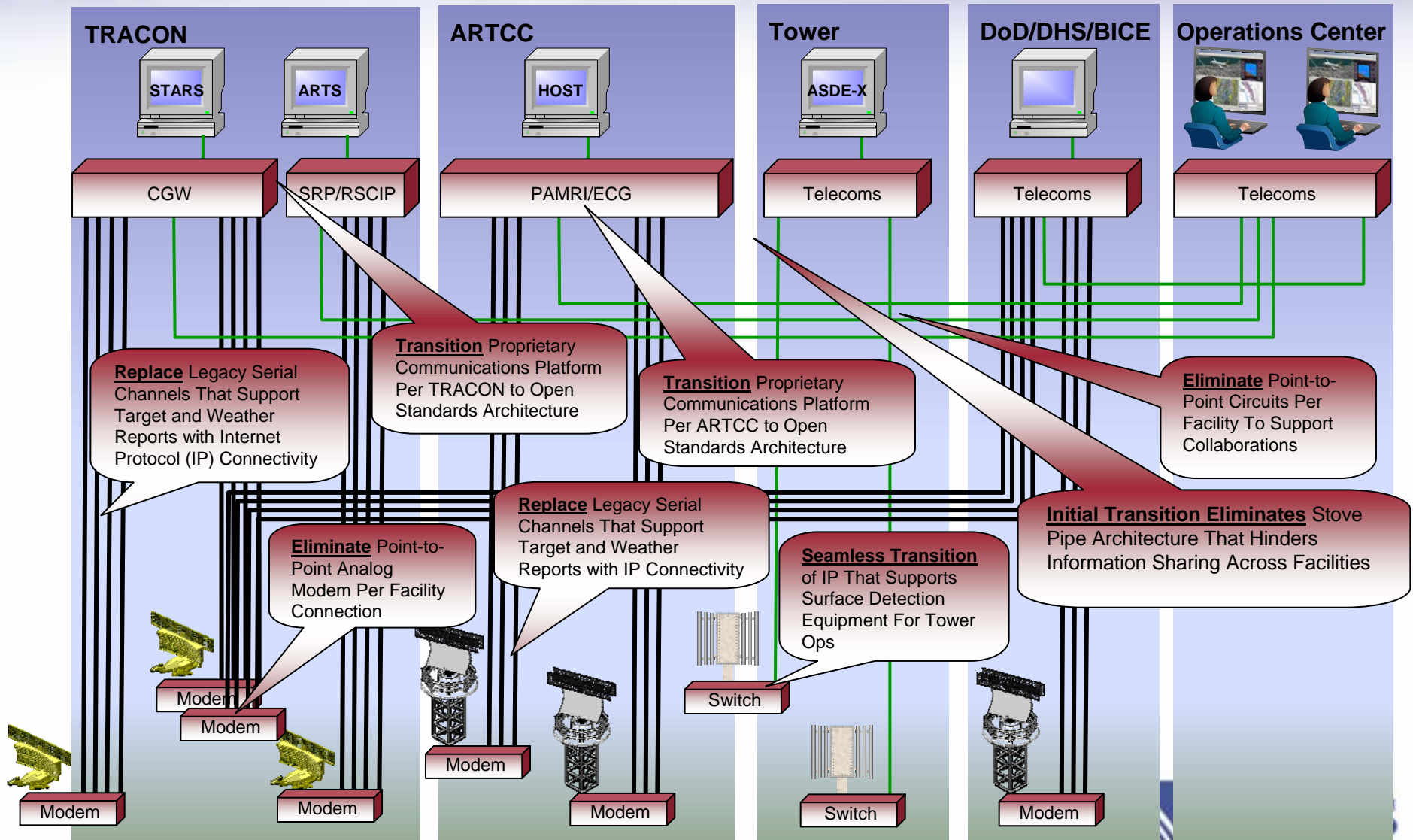
Second Service Layer Performs Common Format Standardization Of The Surveillance Information

First Service Layer Replaces Point-to-point Connectivity With Source Publication

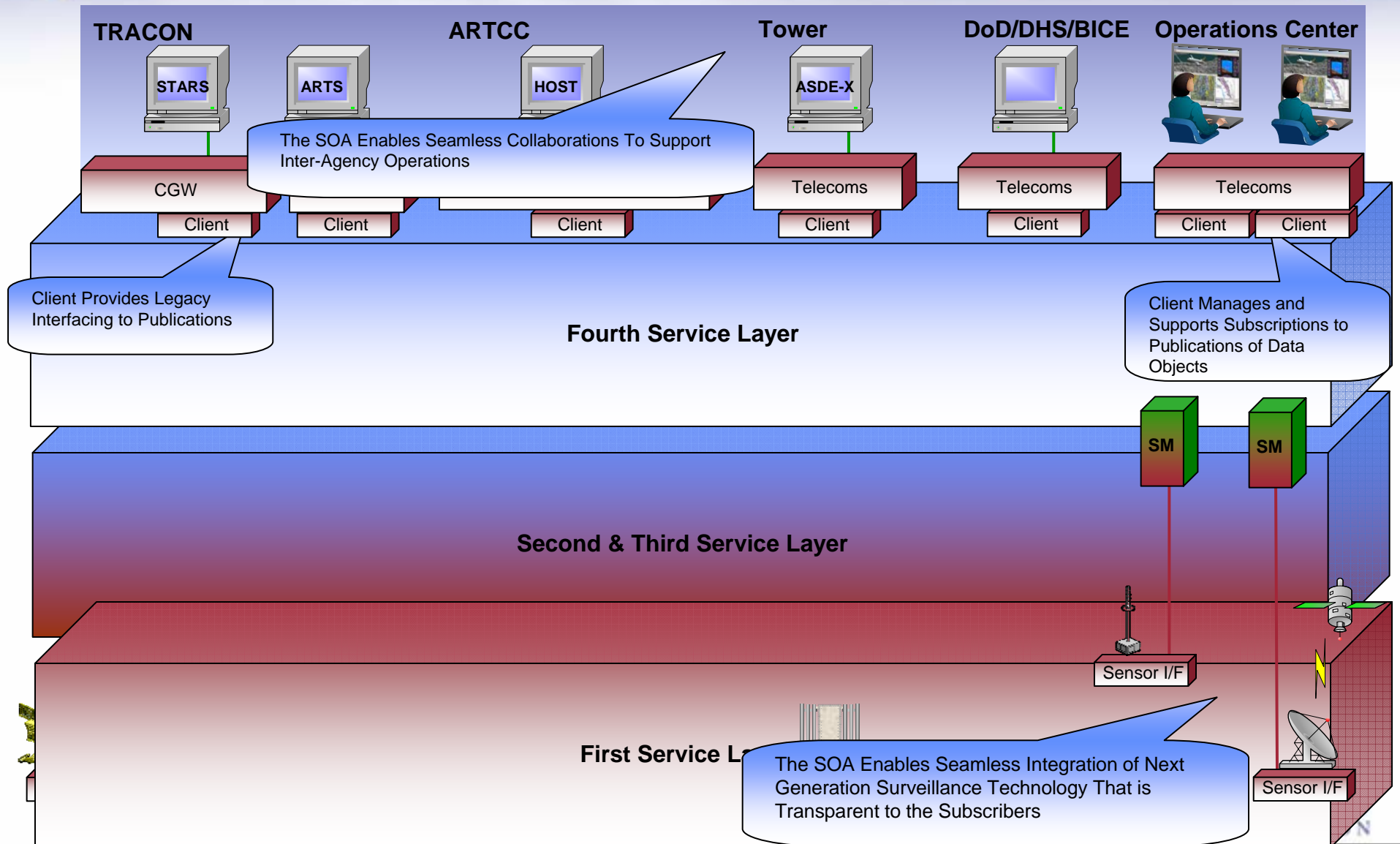
Overview of Today's CONUS Surveillance Information



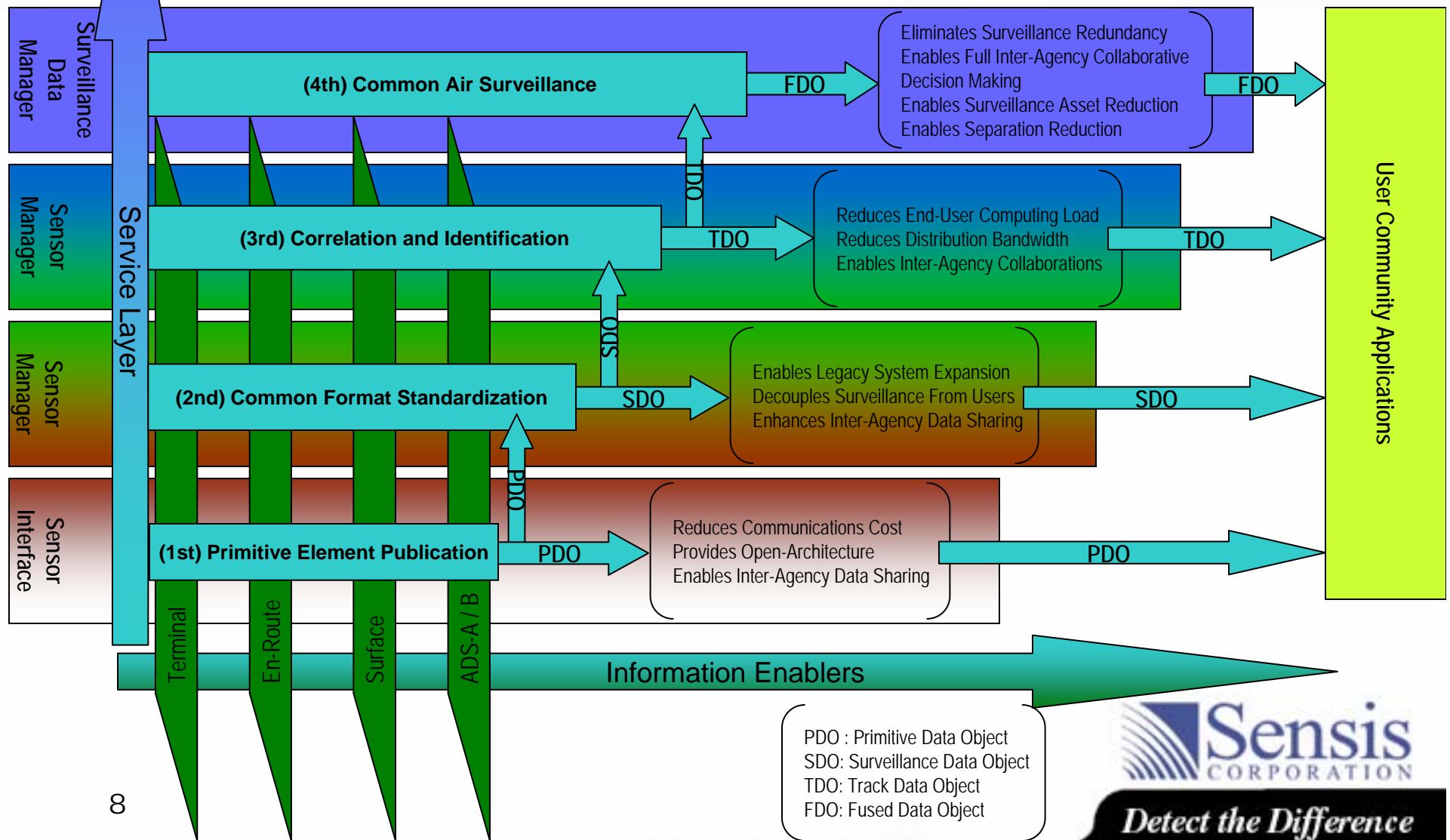
Notional CONUS Surveillance Transformation



Conceptual CONUS Transformation Implementation



Surveillance Service Layer Summary



Conclusions

■ Key Questions Addressed

- Ability To Provide A SOA Without Impacting Current Services
- SOA Enhances Critical Service Delivery And Processing Architecture
- Elimination Of Domain-specific Operations, And Duplication Of Services
- Decoupling Surveillance Sources From Technology From Data Processing From Automation

■ Benefits Of A SOA

- Enable Systems To Respond Quickly And Cost-effectively
- Promotes Reuse Of Existing System/Subsystem Assets
- Provides Inter-operable, Reusable Building Blocks, Thus Providing Dynamic Solutions
- Enables Information, Identity, Access, And Broker Management Services

Surveillance Transformation Benefits

■ Today's Costs

- Users Access Cost Is Linear
- User Interface Costs Are Exponentially Increasing

■ Today's Service Latency

- Static And Deterministic
- Dictated By Architecture

■ Today's Vulnerability

- Single Point Of Failure
- No Alternatives

■ Today's Security

- Defacto (Dedicate P-to-P)

■ SOA Cost Savings

- User Interface Cost Is Now Linear
- User Access Cost Remains Linear

■ SOA Latency

- Service Based Assignment
- Dynamic Assessment
- User Dictates Need

■ SOA Reduces Vulnerability

- Service Resilience
- Dynamic Discovery

■ SOA COTS Security

- User/Role Based Access
- Secure Key Authentication
- Encryption

Relevant Activity

■ NGATS Test Bed (NASA GRC/Sensis)

– Cleveland Regional Area

